

## State Society

### THE DEL MONTE MEETING.

About three hundred members were present at the annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California at Del Monte. The following officers were elected:

President, Dr. C. Van Zwahlenburg, of Riverside; first vice-president, John H. Graves, of San Francisco; second vice-president, Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, of Redding; secretary, Dr. Saxton Pope.

One of the most important events of the meeting was the address by Major Jump, who is touring the United States in order to increase the enrollment of physicians in the M. O. R. C. and the U. S. Army. The quota from California during the coming year will call for nearly 400 physicians, and every man should question his own conscience to determine whether or not he should be one of this number.

The Constitution and By-Laws underwent some revision. Changes were necessitated to meet the altered conditions of the times and the new designs of the Council. The constitutional amendments were laid on the table until the next session, and the amendments to the by-laws were passed by large majority. One of the chief features of the changes in the latter was the elimination of all standing committees and the strengthening of the executive capacity of the Council and the Publicity Bureau. It is hoped by this means to establish a more effective working unit in the Society and a co-ordination of the various elements of the organization.

Another important act of the House of Delegates was the adoption of a resolution of the Council which exempts all men in active military service from Society dues and carries these men in full membership until discharged from duty.

The House of Delegates also voted in favor of a special war tax to cover the deficit of this loss of membership, and the Secretary was instructed to collect this tax of \$2.00 at the end of this present fiscal year. This is one of the legal assessments of the Society and must be made as faithfully as the usual State dues. Notice of this will be sent to each member later on.

A special feature in this State meeting was the offering of the Barbat prize and a committee was appointed by the Council to award this recognition for scientific work.

On the whole the meeting was one of vital importance in the way of organization, of very high scientific standard and adjourned in complete harmony.

### NOTICE.

At the One Hundred and First Meeting of the Council of the Medical Society of the State of California, held at Hotel Del Monte, Monday evening, April 15, 1918, at 8:30 o'clock, on motion of Parkinson, seconded by Yates, it was unanimously

**Resolved,** That a notice appear in the next issue of the Journal, calling the attention of members who desire their special lines of practice included in the Roster, to send the desired information to the State Secretary before the 10th of May.

## County Societies

### ALAMEDA COUNTY.

The following program was presented at the regular monthly meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association held Monday evening, March 18, 1918:

1. The Treatment of Warts—A Series of One Hundred Cases. Dr. M. L. Emerson.

2. Differential Roentgen Interpretation of Lesions of the Digestive System. Mr. P. L. Ansell.

Both papers were very interesting and were discussed by a number, including Doctors Edith Brownsill, Kate Van Orden, F. M. Loomis, M. L. Emerson and O. D. Hamlin.

Contracts have been let by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County for the erection of a two-story nurses' cottage at the Alameda County Hospital at a cost of \$21,000. There will be an assembly room, library, kitchenette, head nurse's suite, two single and seven double bedrooms and five sleeping porches, laundry and trunk room.

Steam heat will be supplied each room from the main plant on the infirmary ground. The building is designed to comply with all the requirements of the State Bureau for buildings of this character.

Dr. P. E. Dolan of Livermore and Dr. H. A. Makinson of Oakland have both been called to the colors. Dr. Dolan is at Camp Kearny and Dr. Makinson at Camp Fremont. Dr. Milton H. Schultz has entered the Navy and is stationed at Yerba Buena. Major Stanley F. Berry has been down from Camp Lewis shaking hands with old friends.

The Alameda County Psychopathic Association held an open meeting Friday evening, April 5th.

Subject: "Care and commitment of Insane."

Speakers—Judge Chas. E. Snook, "Some Judicial Aspects"; Dr. Glenn E. Myers, "Some Medical Aspects"; Mr. Philip Carey, "Some Legal Aspects."

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Meeting of Los Angeles County Medical Association, March 7, 1918.

The president, Dr. Wm. Duffield, spoke about the excessive expenses of the Society for 1917 as shown by the Bulletin. He strongly urged that every member speak to his colleagues, who are not members, to join the society and thus make up the deficit. One hundred new members would wipe out our indebtedness. He gave an instance how a young practitioner was not appointed an officer because he lacked the prestige that goes with membership in the Society.

The Society's Telephone Exchange, he declared a splendid institution, although formerly he did not think so; be sure to make use of it.

Send names of those entitled to stars on the service banner to Dr. Nannie Dunsmore. Ask your soldier colleagues for letters relating to their experiences and duties in the service abroad.

The appointed committees are expected to do the work appertaining to their respective committees. Reunions of the officers and committeemen at a dinner several times a year will be continued.

Apropos the Receiving Hospital Committee, the president mentioned Drs. Haynes and Lobingier have taken hold of that work.

### Woman Doctor to go to France.

Dr. Margaret Withey Farwell of Los Angeles has left for New York for preliminary preparation with settlement workers before sailing for France as a member of the Red Cross. She will be assigned to civilian relief work among women and children refugees in France. Dr. Farwell is a graduate and member of the faculty of the University of Southern California, and also has charge of the medical department of the Parent-Teachers' clinic. She was assistant house physician at the Santa Fe hospital.

**To Fort Riley.**

Lieutenant Geo. L. A. Hamilton has left for Fort Riley, Kan., to begin a three months' course in special military training. The last six months he has been at the base hospital at Camp Kearny at Linda Vista. He has been in the service since last September.

**Public Health.**

"Public Health" is a monthly bulletin of the Los Angeles City Health Department, published under direction of L. M. Powers, M. D., Health Commissioner. The January number contains a comparison of birth and death rates for 1915-16-17, monthly report for December, calendar for year's report, rules and regulations for the control and suppression of venereal diseases.

Accompanying are a set of resolutions passed by the Municipal League of Los Angeles urging every physician to cooperate with health authorities.

**Spook Found Guilty.**

Professor "Rollie" Jamison, arrested by police of the license squad for violating the city license ordinance, was found guilty in the police court March 13. He is said by the police to have a large acquaintance among influential spooks. Working behind a black screen, he told Sergeant McPhillips of the squad many interesting things about a brother that McPhillips didn't know he had.

**One Hundred and Fifty Los Angeles Surgeons and Nurses Called for War Work.**

Junior surgeons and hospital attendants, comprising the enlisted personnel of the army base hospital unit No. 35, entrained March 14th for Camp Kearny, to undergo a course of preliminary hospital training. Lieut. Frederick S. Ray, M. R. C., acting adjutant, took the unit to the camp. The staff of surgeons, composed of thirty-five graduate doctors are not to go until the unit is ready for service.

**Life Endangered by Interrupted Operations.**

Los Angeles was in darkness for nearly an hour about 7 p. m. on March 13, owing to the power being shut off by strikers. Business was delayed, social functions prevented, theaters inconvenienced, surgical operations in several cases hung poised in the midst of delicate life and death operations.

**Former Los Angeles Physician is Ordered Interned.**

Dr. Frederick Hiller has been ordered interned as a dangerous alien enemy. Together with twenty-two others, he will be taken south. He admitted communicating with Germany through Switzerland, employing invisible ink, and had planned to return to Germany under the alias of John Ferrari. He formerly practiced medicine and manufactured a food product in Los Angeles. His wife is said to be living in Seattle.

**Physicians Entertained.**

Mrs. Eva Cramer Bresler entertained March 14 in honor of the physicians in the base hospital at San Pedro. Among those present were Capt. W. Kelly, Lieuts. A. W. Clark, Best J. Thompson, W. Blackard and E. W. Walker; Patrick and Terrence Casey, J. L. Hamilton and C. A. Lenzen, U. S. N.

**Modern Surgery of War.**

The Santa Monica-Ocean Park Chamber of Commerce had two hundred members and guests listen to Dr. Andrew Stewart Lobingier on "Modern Surgery in the War and German Propaganda" at a banquet in the Merritt-Jones Hotel on March 18. **Christian Science Board Answers Critic's Attack.**

Resolutions adopted at the Bible Institute to bar Christian Scientists as army chaplains were answered by Henry Van Arsdale, chairman of the Los Angeles Christian Science Committee on Publication. He says that reasons assigned in the resolution, that Christian Science denies the reality of ills of the flesh, and that it opposes the fundamentals of Christianity, are due to misconception and untruth. Pain and suffering, he says, are perhaps the most real things in human experience, but obviously being no part of the Divine. Christian

Science teaches that they do not possess the quality of eternity or of perfection.

**Dr. Woodroffe in France.**

Dr. Helen Woodroffe, former secretary of the Santa Monica Bay Red Cross Chapter, who now is in Paris for the society, writes to the Santa Monica Chapter that at her hotel the concierge walks with a limp, and has the lapels of his coat covered with medals. The head waiter walks decidedly lame. Another blessé was hobbling about on a frame work with both feet amputated just a little above his ankles. The blind are learning to typewrite, read, make bead ornaments, rugs, etc.

**Signal System Wanted.**

Dr. L. M. Powers, city health commissioner, has asked the council for an appropriation of \$100 to install a warning signal system on the stockade around the Los Feliz hospital. The signal system is intended to prevent escapes of inmates.

**Wanted Fourth Assistant Superintendent of Charities in Charge and Superintendent of Sylmar Sanatorium at a Salary of \$225 Per Month and Full Maintenance.**

Secretary F. E. Doty of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission announces that the examination for above position will take place Wednesday, May 15, 1918, 8:30 a. m., Room 1007 Hall of Records, Los Angeles, and in the office of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission, San Francisco. After one year the salary is to be advanced to \$250 per month and full maintenance, and in addition there may be provided an unfurnished cottage with water, light, heat and house laundry. Under direction of the Superintendent of Los Angeles County Hospital, the superintendent of the Sylmar Sanatorium is to reside at the sanatorium and is to devote his or her entire time to the duties of the position. The position calls for specialization in the treatment of tuberculosis. Application of physicians and surgeons with special knowledge of tuberculosis can be made on blank forms sent by request to be filed three days prior to examination.

**Dr. Leach Lectures to Boys in France.**

Dr. Chas. N. Leach, first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps of the American Red Cross, military camp No. 1, sent as a souvenir a German trench helmet, taken from a prisoner, to his father, W. N. Leach of Inglewood. The helmet, with the mud of Flanders adhering, reached Los Angeles March 30. Lieutenant Leach is lecturing to soldiers three times a week. His service in Belgium gave him an insight into the German character and military machine so that his talks were of unusual interest to the boys.

**Chinese Doctor in Jail on Drug Charge.**

Dr. H. Ching, herbalist, and his clerk, Harry Knox, were lodged in the county jail March 30 by Dr. C. W. Montgomery, Federal narcotic agent, on a charge of violating the Harrison narcotic act. Twenty men, said to have been caught in Dr. Ching's establishment, were released when it was found that they were employed at a Pacific ship-building plant. They are said to be drug addicts.

**Dr. Marxmiller Says Teuton Captives Are Sickly.**

Dr. Harry Marxmiller of Los Angeles, serving in the British army medical corps, in a letter to E. G. Judah, chairman of the war donations board, asserts that German war prisoners are a sickly looking lot, ready to quit if they were given the opportunity. The doctor says that the folks at home can never know the hardships that are undergone by the men at the front. The Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. are making the rough road a lot easier to travel. Tell the people of Los Angeles they can give until it hurts and then some more, and they will not be doing half their duty by the men who are cheerfully giving their lives in democracy's cause. Dr. Marxmiller expects to be transferred to an American unit this month. He appeals for greater support in Los Angeles of the third Liberty loan.

(Continued from last issue.)

Dr. Charles L. Allen dwelt on the neurological aspect of head injuries.

The importance of an injury to the head depends almost entirely upon to what extent the brain is involved. In all cases it is necessary to thoroughly study the symptoms from the medical point of view, but particularly is this important in the case of people picked up on the street with or without evidence of head trauma since, though the patient may have fallen and injured his head, loss of consciousness may be due to some other cause, such as alcoholism, opium poisoning, uremic or diabetic coma and organic disease of the brain.

Focal symptoms from the side of the nervous system are observed only when the lesion involves the motor region, the visual centers or the areas concerned in the speech mechanism, a large part of the brain consisting of the so-called silent areas, so that in many cases we have to depend exclusively upon the general symptoms of brain involvement.

An important feature of head injuries is the possibility of the onset of symptoms long after the trauma has occurred.

It is well-known that epilepsy not infrequently has its origin in injury to the brain. The so-called traumatic neuroses are very common sequelae and demand careful study to determine, if possible, how much is due to actual injury and how much to suggestive influences or to intentional simulation. It is very common to find that those who have suffered from head injuries develop great restlessness, insomnia and intolerance to alcohol, while the mental symptoms proper vary from slight confusion and irritability to entire change of character, in severe cases amounting to deep dementia. The medical treatment of brain injuries consist in measures to relieve shock when it is present, after this has passed away in confinement to bed, an ice bag to the head, non-stimulating diet, free purgation, with such sedatives as bromides and opium if needed. There should be a long period of quiet and avoidance of excitement before returning to work, and complete abstinence from alcohol. Patients are frequently brought to the hospital suffering from mental aberration with the statement that years before they had suffered an injury to the head. In many of these cases it is at once evident that the alleged injury has had nothing to do with the present mental condition and it is hardly necessary to say that unless there is some direct indication for a head operation such a procedure could at this late date offer no prospect of repairing a loss of function which in the nature of things has by this time become permanent.

Dr. C. W. Rand spoke on "Minute Pathology of Brain Injuries."

He said, among other things, that the pathology is not known. That there is a disordered physiology rather than a pathology. The delicate mechanism has been upset, and as the normal condition cannot be explained neither can the pathological. He dwelt on the spinal fluid and ventricles, and the secretion and absorption of the pachionian bodies by sinuses, venous circulation, and perilymphatic tissues, how to deal with edema after injury, for other causes than injury may give rise to edema. He spoke of the three "C's," that in **concussion** there is often no lesion found after death; that the integrity of the brain is disturbed so as to lead to unconsciousness; that **contusion** is a higher form of concussion, there being evidence of bruising: the microscope showing evidence of hemorrhage; there may be wide laceration with slight symptoms as in the "Crowbar case"; there is death if injury is in a vital spot as the tips of the temporal and bases of the frontal lobes; that it may occur at point of injury or on opposite side by contrecoup. He stated that concussion and contusion follow traumatism but **compression** does not necessarily do

so; the effects are similar; there are two kinds of compression, local and general; the first may give symptoms, the latter may be without local compression; that circulatory disturbance is the chief finding; the cerebro-spinal fluid is only compressible and is driven out by encroachment from without, the blood vessels may thus be encroached upon so that empty arteries result in anemia.

Discussion was led by Drs. Lobingier, Dudley, Brainerd and Hill.

#### Meeting of February 21, 1918.

Dr. Duffield presiding.

Dr. Henry W. Howard presented resolutions in honor of the late Dr. Henry N. Stehman, which were unanimously adopted.

Dr. Edward Avery Newton proposed that the ranks for the medical corps be advanced higher than Major. The plan was endorsed by the Society.

A "Case Report on Polycythemia," by Dr. Chas. L. Allen.

Dr. Charles L. Allen reported the case of an imbecile with polycythemia and symptoms of polyglandular disease.

This man, now 40 years old, had been mentally defective from birth, and was sent to the Psychopathic Hospital on account of antisocial tendencies and inability to take care of himself. He at once impresses one by the deep bluish red of his complexion, by his coarse, heavy features and by the great enlargement of his thyroid gland. The shape of his face and of his thorax is somewhat suggestive of actromegaly, but there is no enlargement of his extremities. A blood count showed erythrocytes on one occasion 9,025,000, on another 8,500,000, leucocytes 9,500. It was suggested that the polycythemia might be connected directly with a perversion of the function of the endocrine glands, since it is known that an excessive action of the thyroid stimulates the adrenal secretion and there is certain experimental evidence to show that in some animals at least, the injection of adrenalin produces a temporary polycythemia.

Dr. R. Wernik's subject was: "The importance to the Physician, Obstetrician and Surgeon of the Chemical Analysis of the Blood for Urea, Creatinin, Uric Acid, Sugar and Carbon Dioxide tension."

"Qui bene Diagnoscat, bene curat."

Blood chemical analysis is of the utmost importance in the diagnosis and prognosis of diseases affecting the kidneys and in diabetes. These micro-chemical methods of blood analysis for urea, uric acid, creatinin, sugar and carbon dioxide tension of the blood, have been so simplified that any physician who will devote the necessary time and attention to these methods can make his own tests.

We can tell by estimating the carbon dioxide tension of the blood, the amount of acidosis present. This is Van Slyke's method and more accurate but not so simple as the Frederici apparatus for measuring the carbon dioxide tension of the alveolar air which is quite accurate except in conditions of congestions of the lungs.

Carbon dioxide tension in the blood or alveolar air means acidosis. In cases of diabetes mainly due to acetone and diabetic acids, in cases of nephritis due to the inability of the kidneys to eliminate acid phosphates. This acidosis in nephritis has been recognized by the writer for the past thirty years from the fact that in all cases of nephritis he found volatile ammonia present in the freshly passed urine, which could only mean that on account of a deficient alkalinity of the body fluids the cells were splitting up the nitrogen so as to furnish ammonia to neutralize the existing acidosis. It is for this reason that he has for so many years practiced and urged high retention alkaline enemata in the treatment of nephritis.

In diabetes only a blood test will show whether or not the patient is sugar free. Any sugar over 0.15 in 100cc of blood in a diabetic on a diet means

hyperglycemia whether or not there is sugar in the urine.

The obstetrician and surgeon, and frequently he is the better surgeon who knows when not to operate, can only derive benefit for themselves and their patients by having these tests made, as frequently there is an existing nephritis without albumin, casts of edema. On the other hand an apparently hopeless case, the urine containing large amounts of all albumin and numerous casts may be safely operated on if the blood examination shows that the kidney filter is only slightly impaired.

"Medical Legal Status of the Roentgenologist," by Dr. Albert Soiland.

This paper deals with the legal problems confronting the roentgenologist. The present unsatisfactory conditions which prevail whereby it is possible to serve a subpoena upon the busy practitioner, and compel him to leave whatever business he may be engaged in to spend the larger part of a busy day at court, testifying in some trivial damage case. Most of the cases quoted are of the ambulance-chasing variety, where the wily lawyer attempts for the fee of \$2.00 to get expert testimony. Failing to do so, he usually makes it very annoying for the doctor and consumes much more of his time than is necessary.

The object of this paper is to seek a remedy by changing the present antiquated laws, which permit of this injustice to medical roentgenologists in particular. It is the writer's belief that all Roentgen plates are the property of the roentgenologist, and that the latter is obliged to furnish a written report, a reprint, or a copy of the findings to the physician referring the case, who may also specify that the patient is to receive a copy.

The last subject of the evening was: "Case Report—The Birth of the Literary Infant—Watch Your Weight," by Dr. Lulu W. Peters.

The president, Dr. Duffield introduced Dr. Peters as the Chairman of the Public Health of California Federation of Women's Clubs, and commented upon her good work in health lectures and helping to raise the standard of milk, all without remuneration.

Dr. Peters reviewed with the medical audience her book entitled "Watch Your Weight," "Diet and Health with Key to the Calories." The book was distributed among the doctors, who secured copies. Attention of the meeting was called to the many points of interest, especially to the "Medical Trust" which Dr. Peters defined as a trust of education, the minimum standard of which consists of eleven years of training after the grammar grades, and that the League of Medical Freedom is really the league of medical ignorance. Dr. Duffield mentioned that the book could be obtained at any book store for 25c and that all physicians should stand behind Dr. Peters to push this propaganda.

Drs. Witherbee, Coe and others discussed the subjects.

#### MENDOCINO COUNTY.

##### Mendocino County Medical Society.

A regular meeting was held at Albion on March 30th in the office of Dr. Arthur C. Huntley. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Dr. Carol L. Sweet. Present, Drs. C. L. Sweet, Arthur C. Huntley, F. C. Peirsol, Harper Peddicord and O. H. Beckman. Only one delinquent was reported by the Secretary. The Secretary was instructed to officially inform our Senators and Representatives in Congress that this Society urges them to actively support the bills for increase in the rank and percentage of physicians in the Medical Reserve Corps of the Army. In the scientific program each doctor made a short presentation of his subject for discussion. Dr. Huntley, "A Lane Back"; Dr. Peddicord, "Bronchial Cough"; Dr.

Sweet, "Wounds in General"; Dr. Beckman, "Herpes as a Symptom"; Dr. Peirsol, "Disease of Delinquency in the Payment of Doctor Bills." It was discussed in both its sporadic and epidemic form and was agreed it was one of the most dangerous of infectious diseases.

#### News About Medical Volunteers.

Assistant Surgeon R. H. Hunt, U. S. N. R. F., is on active duty on board the U. S. S. "Moccasin." Lieut. H. H. Wolfe is still at Allentown, Pa., Lieut. Raymond A. Babcock is very likely busy at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Dr. H. O. Cleland is ready for orders to active duty.

#### ORANGE COUNTY.

At the February meeting of the Orange County Medical Society, Dr. R. A. Cushman of Santa Ana read an interesting paper on "Meningitis." He reported several cases which have occurred in his own practice, and Dr. Zaiser, superintendent of the Orange County Hospital, added his reports of several cases which have come under his observation at the county institution. The value of spinal puncture as an aid to diagnosis and the use of Flexner's serum were ably brought out by the essayist and those who took part in the discussion.

The service flag of four stars was unfurled and now decorates the walls of the Society's rooms.

Captain W. Harold Wickett of Anaheim has been ordered to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., for two months' instruction in military surgery.

The Society was favored at the March meeting by having as its guest Dr. A. S. Lobingier of Los Angeles, who gave an interesting evening on "The Diseases of the Liver and Bile Ducts." The lecture was illustrated by several colored drawings and was comprehensive. The doctor laid special stress on the necessity of an intimate knowledge of the physiology of the liver and its secretion in order to acquire a good understanding of the pathology. While he believed in cholecystectomy as being a sound surgical procedure, he believed that the surgeon should be conservative and should perform the operation only when there is a definite pathology to warrant it. At the close of the meeting a banquet was served at James' Cafe.

Dr. D. C. Balfour of the Mayo Clinic has been the guest of Dr. H. A. Johnston of Anaheim, recently.

The Fullerton Hospital has been operating for about three months and is enjoying a liberal patronage.

The regular meeting of the Orange County Medical Society was held at Santa Ana on April 2nd, about twenty members of the society being present.

The committee on publicity reported having had printed in the Santa Ana Daily Register a copy of an article by Dr. W. W. Keen. The expense of same was borne partly by individual members of the society and partly by the society as a whole.

The paper of the evening, entitled "Calcereous Degeneration of the Thyroid," with the exhibition of a large specimen, was read by Dr. H. A. Johnston of Anaheim.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Dr. H. E. Zaiser; vice-president, Dr. G. M. Tralle; secretary, Dr. W. C. Dubois; treasurer, Dr. H. S. Gordon; librarian, Dr. C. D. Ball.

Several members signified their intention of attending the state meeting.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Hotel Sacramento Saturday evening, March 16th.

It was just fifty years ago, March 17th, 1868, that this Society was organized. The first officers of the

Society were: President, Dr. Hatch; Secretary, Dr. Cluness. Dr. Cluness, now residing in Alameda, is the only surviving charter member of this organization.

The Toastmaster was Captain James H. Parkinson, M. R. C., while Dr. J. Wilson Shields, M. R. C., of San Francisco, delivered the address of the evening.

Dr. J. R. Snyder has recently been ordered to report for duty at the Letterman General Hospital.

Dr. S. E. Simmons has been critically ill with lobar pneumonia, but is now convalescent.

Dr. W. J. Hanna, who was formerly Major in the National Guard, and served in the recent Mexican expedition, has been appointed City Health Officer by Dr. G. C. Simmons.

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

The last meeting of the County Society, March 23rd, was a complimentary dinner to some of the ranking officers at Camp Kearny, and was entertainingly addressed by Lieut. Col. Alex. Murray, chief surgeon at Camp Kearny, and Major J. W. Moss, on duty at the base hospital. These gentlemen spoke with authority of the duties, responsibilities and opportunities for the medical man of the army service.

Articles of unusual merit presented at recent meetings of the society were by Dr. P. M. Carrington on "The Indigent Tubercular," and that by Dr. A. J. Thornton on "The Physician in the Public Schools."

Captain F. J. Grant left this week for Long Island as medical examiner in the aviation department of the army.

Dr. C. M. Hosmer, commissioned as junior lieutenant, is on duty at the naval training camp, San Diego.

Dr. Otto G. Marsh, also junior lieutenant in the navy, left for a northern port on the 6th of April.

The San Diego Diagnostic Group Clinic by reason of the inroads made by the war upon its staff has temporarily suspended and turned over its building to Medical Advisory Board No. 2, State of California.

The San Diego County Society is planning to entertain the spring meeting of the Southern California Medical Society the latter part of May.

Dr. Geo. B. Worthington has received his commission as captain in the army.

### From the San Diego County Bulletin.

When the democracy of the future shall have been achieved, children will not be fed into the system of education, however admirable it may be in itself, without regard to their individual aptitudes and citizen-making capacity. We will no longer boast that we have given them all an equal chance by treating them as billits of pig iron. The sky line of their personality will have been accurately surveyed, the contour lines of their endowments will have been plotted, and their education will have been fitted to them as individuals in light of their future service to themselves and to society. Then will the State receive the loyalty now only hoped for in the dreams of the dreamer, for they will be the State.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

During the month of March, 1918, the following meetings were held in the rooms of the Society, corner of Bush and Hyde streets, San Francisco:

#### Section on Medicine—Tuesday, March 5th.

1. Report of case of gangrene of the foot. S. A. Goldman.
2. A case of osteitis deformans. H. D'Arcy Power.

#### General Meeting—Tuesday, March 12th.

1. Report of case showing ill effect of drugs before operation. W. P. Willard.

2. Intestinal obstruction following Caesarean section. R. Knight Smith.

3. Report of radical operation, and exhibition of specimens of diverticula of the bladder. Frank Hinman.

4. Skull cases, with demonstration of patients. Leo Eloesser.

5. Pulmonary tuberculosis as a factor in the National Army. Philip King Brown.

#### Children's Hospital Clinical Evening—Tuesday, March 19th.

1. Treatment of fractures of lower end of the humerus; demonstration of cases. E. K. Willits and M. I. Judell.

2. The care of contagion in hospital. W. E. Musgrave.

3. The hydrostatic reposition method of Hirschsprung in acute intussusception. Its use together with laparotomy. Langley Porter.

4. Hematocele in pelvis, not of extra-uterine origin. A. J. Lartigau.

#### Mary's Help Hospital Clinical Evening—Tuesday, March 26th.

1. Demonstration of eye cases. M. W. Fredrick and P. de Obarrio.

2. Hipjoint disease; illustrated with X-ray plates. C. C. Crane.

3. Statistics from the Maternity Department of Mary's Help Hospital for the year 1917. T. D. Maher.

4. Cataract extraction. M. W. Fredrick.

5. Two cases of megacolon. Illustrated by lantern slides. A. S. Keenan.

6. Radiograms of gastro-intestinal cases. P. H. Luttrell and J. J. Blach.

### TULARE COUNTY.

Regular monthly meeting was held at Visalia April 3, 1918. Discussion was had regarding the establishment of the proposed tuberculosis sanitarium for Kings and Tulare counties at Springville, where the county has recently purchased a desirable site. Drs. Melvin, White and Preston were appointed a committee to represent this society in a conference with the County Supervisors and a representative of the State Board of Health to co-operate in establishing an efficient and satisfactory institution.

The matter of improvements, present and proposed, at the County Hospital were also discussed.

Dr. Nauss, District Health Officer, from Fresno, presented a paper setting forth the provisions of the enabling act whereby health districts of convenient size might be incorporated and maintained for the effective and thorough control of health conditions in all communities desiring them.

The prevalence of an unusually extensive and severe epidemic of measles throughout the county, presenting many uncommon sequelae, was a topic of general conversation by all who were present.

## Correspondence

### PHYSICIAN WANTED.

Santa Rosa, Cal., February 18, 1918.

To the Editor:

Rev. C. W. Baker, Missionary at Orleans, in the northern part of Humboldt County, has written me, asking if it is possible to secure a physician for that community, the nearest physician being twenty or thirty miles away on the Hoopa Indian Reservation, and is not thought very highly of.

They have secured a monthly subscription list of \$50.00, and the adjacent community, namely, the Forks of the Salmon, have promised to do as well, but Mr. Baker thought that about \$25.00 was about all that could be expected from there. They feel sure the county would aid in the pay of